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RAJYA SABHA

Causes of Rail Accidents

1509. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 512, given in the Rajya Sabha on 2.12.1999 and state:

- (a) whether the causes of each rail accident during 1998 and 1999 upto November, 1999, have been inquired into;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof;
- (c) who are responsible for such lapses;
- (d) the action taken in each case; and
- (e) the number of accidents which took place from 1.12.99 till date, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Each of the 397 accidents that took place in 1998-99 and 262 accidents that took place in 1999-2000 (upto October, 1999) have been inquired into.

Statement

(b) and (c) The causes for the above accidents were as follows:—

Cause	1998-99	1999-2000 (upto Oct., 1999)
Failure of Railway Staff	268	169
Failure of other than Railway Staff	63	48
Equipment Failure	33	7
Sabotage	11	16
Combination of Factors	1	14 6
Incidental	14 7	2
Not Established		
Under Investigation		
TOTAL:	397	262

(d) As per the reports of the inquiry committees, deterrent punishments like censure, withholding of increment, reduction in pay

post, removal of or dismissal from service, compulsory retirement, stoppage of passes or recorded warnings were issued to Railway Staff held responsible.

(e)

Zonal Railway	No. of accidents from 1.11.1999 to 25.7.2000
Central Railway	37
Eastern Railway	24
Northern Railway	56
North Eastern Railway	18
Northeast Frontier Railway	72
Southern Railway	37
South Central Railway	35
South Eastern Railway	46
Western Railway	22
Metro Railway	—
Konkan Railway	4
TOTAL:	351

Persons living on Railway Property

1510. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are trying to displace those settlers who have been living on Railway land for long;

(b) if so, whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has been informed of such intention by the Railways;

(c) whether the Railways have handled the issue with a degree of sensitivity to the poor people's plight;

(d) what steps are proposed by the Railways to meet and interact; and

(e) the details in this regard?

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